ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

DISTRIBUTED KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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A system for managing digital assets in a distributed data processing system is provided. In one embodiment, the system includes a network of data processing systems, a plurality of local knowledge 10 management servers connected to the network wherein each of the plurality of local knowledge management servers is connected to and maintains a local digital asset repository, a central knowledge management server, and a central registry of digital assets. Each of the plurality of local knowledge management servers sends 15 location and identifying information concerning a digital asset to the central knowledge management server whenever a digital asset is saved to a local digital asset repository corresponding to an appropriate one of the 20 plurality of knowledge management servers. The central knowledge management server stores the location and identifying information concerning the digital asset in the central registry of digital assets.